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SUBJECT: ATTEMPTS TO INVOLVE USG IN TUNISIAN INTERNAL POLITICS

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1. DURING MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA JANUARY 14
HE TOLD ME THAT MASMOUDI WOULD NOT RPT NOT ACCOMPANY HIM
TO THE US, IMPLYING THAT MASMOUDI WOULD BE REMOVED AS
FOREIGN MINISTER, PRESIDENT SAID THAT MASMOUDI WOULD
PROBABLY OCCUPY POSITION AS PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL FOREGING
POLICY REPRESENTATIVE AND CONCERN HIMSELF WITH A VARIETY
OF SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS.

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2. I TOOK THE OCCASION TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT THAT ANY FOREIGN MINISTER THAT HE SELECTED WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN WASHINGTON. PRESIDENT PASSED THIS OFF BY REITERATING THAT MASMOUDI WOULD NOT ACCOMPANY HIM. IN VIEW OF MASMOUDI'S KEY ROLE IN PLANS FOR TUNISIAN-LIBYAN UNITY, I DECIDED NOT TO SAY MORE.

3. AFTER FOREGOING WAS TYPED, WE LEARNED THIS AFTERNOON THAT MASMOUDI HAS BEEN REPLACED AS FOREIGN MINISTER BY HABIB CHATTI, DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.
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